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48. A method of bonding two thermoplastic materials together which comprises laser welding the thermoplastic molding composition as claimed in claim 32 to a different thermoplastic material.
49. The method as claimed in claim 48, wherein said different thermoplastic material is a material colored with absorbing dyes, pigments or absorbing fillers. - -

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the amendment and the following remarks. Support for newly added claim 32 can be found in the original claims 1 and 3. Support for newly added claim 33 can be found in the original claim 2. Support for newly added claims 34-49 can be found in the original claims 7-9 and 19-31. The applicants have rewritten allowable claim 19 into the independent form as newly added claim 37. No additional fee is required for the claims.

Claims 7-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1, 4, 5, and 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Pinho et al US 2002/0056707 ("Pinho"). Claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Pinho in view of Yamada et al US 5,540,998 ("Yamada"). The applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

The applicants appreciate that the Examiner has acknowledged that claims 2 and 19-28 are allowable over the prior art.

112 REJECTION

Claims 7-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The applicants have amended the claims and deleted reference to the trademark. The applicants have also cancelled the claim 13. For the above reasons, this rejection should be withdrawn.

PRIOR ART REJECTIONS

Claims 1, 4, 5, and 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (e) as being anticipated by Pinho et al US 2002/0056707 (“Pinho”). Claims 3 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Pinho in view of Yamada. The applicants have enclosed a certified English translation of the priority document which establishes an effective filing date of February 18, 1999 for black laser transparent polyester molding compositions wherein the black color is brought about by a combination of a yellow and violet dye. Pinho has a filing date of April 30, 1999. Therefore, the applicants believe that they have antedated Pinho and these rejections are no longer applicable.

Since claim 19 was not rejected over these references, the applicants have rewritten claim 19 in the independent form as newly added claim 37.

No additional fees are due. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this response, including any fees required for an additional extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, such an extension is requested and the Commissioner is authorized

to charge or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

For the reasons set forth above, Applicants believe that the claims are patentable over the references cited and applied by the Examiner and a prompt and favorable action is solicited. The applicants believe that these claims are in condition for allowance, however, if the Examiner disagrees, the applicants respectfully request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (302) 888-6270.

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